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Docket No.: 122.1414

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kiyomitsu TAKIZAWA, et al.

Serial No. 09/632,587

Group Art Unit: 2111

Confirmation No. 1898

Filed: August 4, 2000

Examiner: Justin King

For: PC SWITCHING DEVICE SELECTIVELY SWITCHING BETWEEN AN INPUT DEVICE
AND A PLURALITY OF COMPUTERS HAVING DIFFERENT ELECTRIC POWER
CONTROL MECHANISMS (As Amended)

**LETTER TO THE EXAMINER REQUESTING WITHDRAWAL OF CURRENT OFFICE ACTION
AS INCOMPLETE**

Commissioner for Patents
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Attention: BOX AF

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit that the Office Action mailed May 31, 2005 (current Action) is incomplete. As set forth in MPEP §707.07(f) entitled Answer All Material Traversed "an examiner must provide clear explanations of all actions taken by the examiner during prosecution of an application."

An Office Action mailed January 5, 2005 (previous Action) rejected claims 1-5 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Keemux Kvm Switch by Network Technology (Keemux) in view of combinations of Lee (U.S.P. 5,935,254), Wilder et al. (U.S.P. 6,557,170) and Kwok (U.S.P. 4,412,245).

In response, Applicants filed an Amendment on April 5, 2004 traversing the rejections. The current Action repeats the rejections but does not reply to many of the arguments submitted in the Amendment.

As an example, the Examiner does not respond, at all, to Applicants' arguments submitted in the Amendment traversing the rejections of claims 4, 5, and 14.

As another example, Applicants requested that the Examiner provide a specific citation to

support the Examiner's contention that Keemux discusses simultaneous start-up and shut down since the Applicants were unable to find such discussion as the Examiner contended. However, in the current Action, the Examiner merely indicates that "Keemux explicitly discloses the function of simultaneous start-up...(see, the prior art on record, NTI Network Technologies publication.)" (Current Action at page 10).

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of the present Office Action be withdrawn and the case recommended for allowance or at least that the present Office Action be withdrawn and replaced with a nonfinal Office Action in which the Examiner provides a complete response to the Applicants' arguments and with the response date accordingly reset.

Respectfully submitted,

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